

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An original sheet reading apparatus comprising:  
an original sheet reading station for reading an original sheet;

a main roller located on an upstream side of the original sheet reading station along an original sheet conveyance direction in order to supply the original sheet to the original sheet reading station;

a sub-roller located on a downstream side of the original sheet reading station along the original sheet conveyance direction for conveying the original sheet which has passed through the original sheet reading station toward a sheet discharge side;

an original sheet feeding guide located in an original sheet conveyance path defined as a path formed at least between the main roller and the sub-roller for guiding the original sheet supplied by the main roller to the original sheet reading station; and

an original sheet discharge guide located on the downstream side of the original sheet reading station along the original sheet conveyance direction, for guiding the original sheet which has been discharged from the sub-roller, the original sheet discharge guide having an original sheet contact portion adapted so that a front end of the original sheet contact portion is set at a position where the front end is offset with respect to a straight line that links a reading position in the original

sheet reading station and an original sheet contact position of the sub-roller.

2. The original sheet reading apparatus of claim 1, wherein the original sheet discharge guide is located on the downstream side of the sub-roller along the original sheet conveyance direction, extending toward a direction that intersects the sheet discharge direction at a right angle.

3. The original sheet reading apparatus of claim 1, wherein the original sheet discharge guide is located in either an upper side or lower side of the original sheet conveyance path.

4. The original sheet reading apparatus of claim 2, wherein the original sheet discharge guide is located in either an upper side or lower side of the original sheet conveyance path.

5. The original sheet reading apparatus of claim 1, wherein the original feed guide includes an upper guide plate which is located above the original sheet conveyance path, and a lower guide plate which is located under of the original sheet conveyance path.

6. The original sheet reading apparatus of claim 5, wherein when the original sheet reading station is located under the original sheet conveyance path, the front end portion of the

upper guide plate is located at a position adjacent to the original sheet reading position, and the front end portion of the lower guide plate is located on the upstream side of the original sheet reading position in the original sheet conveyance direction.

7. The original sheet reading apparatus of claim 5, wherein when the original sheet reading station is located above the original sheet conveyance path, the front end portion of the upper guide plate is located on the upstream side of the original sheet reading position in the original sheet conveyance direction, and the front end portion of the lower guide plate is located at a position adjacent to the original sheet reading position.